

School Council Meeting: Monday October 18th, 2021

Microsoft Teams: 6:30 p.m. [School Council Meeting](#)

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

In attendance: Teri Thompson, Ian Benger, Kim McLaren, Crystal Fehlow, Julie Jehan, Marina Cosby, Amanda

1. **Student Council Update & Simcoe Outreach Society**- School council meetings have started and they had students join (with recommendations) at the end of last year.

***Taylyn Bazylewski student council rep** - So far during the school year students have been encouraged to participate in many activities around the school. For example, two weeks ago we held activities outside in the afternoon for the grade nines. There were plenty of activists for them to enjoy with their friends. This afternoon encouraged them to step outside their comfort zones and meet new people and learn more about their friends. At the end of September we held our very first spirit week and the grade who participated the most won first release everyday for the following week! It was very interactive and exciting for all students. We are doing our best to plan future events for our fellow students while also maintaining covid guidelines and restrictions. We look forward to a grade ten day next Thursday and a halloween themed spirit week the following week where students will be able to participate in a pumpkin carving contest in their home rooms and a costume contest. We are planning many more exciting things for this year!*

- Grade 9 day
- Grade 10 day
- Spirit week
- Halloween Spirit week
- We Scare Hunger
- Donation - Indigenous Initiative (Save the Evidence, etc)

2. **School updates:**

- Students settling into the routine - schedule will continue as it is for November
- Grade meetings (virtual) with presentation to follow from Paul Davis (Social Networking Safety)
- Grade 8 days (November) and Virtual Open House (Tuesday November 30th - 7:00 pm)
- DSBN Student voice initiative - happening in December
- Chromebook return - those devices borrowed from last year need to be returned for student use during school hours

3. Literacy

- 2 opportunities to write OSSLT this school year - in the fall (window of October -December) and then Spring 2022 (March - May)
- Looking to schedule dates for OSSLT prep (in English Classes and in Library)
- Test dates in the fall window - - *Nov 17 – Period 2 Grade 10 English Classes & Nov 24 – Period 3 Grade 10 English Class & the online and previously eligibles*

4. Extra-curriculars

- Sports underway (Football, Field Hockey, Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, etc)
- Clubs and teams started (Book club, student council, D&D, Art Cub, Simcoe Outreach Society, percussion ensemble, etc)
- Spectators at indoor events

5. Teacher PD and Learning

- Focus on Assessment and Evaluation - with specific areas of student need in each department (especially with the lens of evaluating products, observations and conversations) → leading to great discussions about the tasks done in class that move away from the online materials
- Ongoing DSBN staff learning - continuation of Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity (this work embedded into our staff learning at staff meetings and PD days)
 - Cultivating Caring Conditions - September
 - Cultural Humility - October
- Spec ed overall focus including student voice (student success supports this as well)
- GSS staff site - increased communication and supports in place for students (referral forms, IEPs, student learning profiles, etc)

Questions:

- List of clubs and teams and teachers and room numbers - coming soon to the website

Next Meeting:

- **Monday November 22nd at 6:30**